

U.S. Application No. 09/961,245
Docket No. 1190-0519P
Reply to Office Action of January 25, 2005
Art Unit: 2637
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is(are) six (6) sheet(s) of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

FIGS. 11-16 have been labeled as "CONVENTIONAL ART."

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been allowed. This application is in condition for allowance except for minor informalities which are addressed below.

Drawings

The Office Action alleges that figures 11-16 should be designated by a legend such as "PRIOR ART". In response, applicants have labeled FIGS. 11-16 as "CONVENTIONAL ART" since this is how they are described in the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Specification

The Office Action alleges that a brief description of FIG. 16 is given in the specification, but no further description of FIG. 16 is provided. The Office Action suggests providing a more detailed description of FIG. 16 in the specification. In response, Applicant's respectfully submit that the description of FIG. 16 is provided on page 9 of the specification. The second full paragraph on page 9 describes the signal diagram of FIG. 16. Applicants have amended the second paragraph on page 9 of the specification in order to clarify that the features described therein is as shown in FIG. 16. Specifically, Applicants have

added the term “, as shown in FIG. 16” at the end of the paragraph. No new matter is added by the amendment.

Moreover, applicants respectfully submit that, with reference to 37 C.F.R. §1.71 and 1.74, as detailed in MPEP §608.01, a brief description of every drawing is the only requirement in the specification. A detailed description is not required unless it is necessary to understand the invention or the claimed subject matter is disclosed by the drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that FIG. 16 is directed to conventional teachings and not to claimed subject matter. Therefore, a brief description of FIG. 16 is all that is required. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the requirements regarding FIG. 16 have been satisfied.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s) Replacement Sheets 10/15 - 15/15